

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1 (original): Ferritic stainless steel welded pipe superior in expandability, said ferritic stainless steel welded pipe characterized in that after forming, welding, and sizing, a matrix of the welded pipe has an elongation in the circumferential direction of 15% or more.

2 (original): Ferritic stainless steel welded pipe superior in expandability including one or both of Ti and Nb by wt% in an amount of 0.05 to 0.5%, said ferritic stainless steel welded pipe characterized in that a hardness difference $\Delta HV (=HV_W - HV_M)$ between the Vicker's hardness HV_W of the weld zone and the Vicker's hardness HV_M of the matrix is 10 to 40 in range and in that a ratio $RT (=T_W/T_M)$ between a bead thickness T_W of the weld zone and a thickness T_M of the matrix is 1.05 to 1.3.

3 (currently amended): Ferritic stainless steel welded pipe superior in expandability as set forth in claim 1, characterized by ~~using an original~~ the steel pipe having been fabricated from a steel plate including, by wt%, C: 0.001 to 0.015%, Si: 0.01 to 1.0%, Mn: 0.01 to 1.0%, P: 0.01 to 0.03%, S: 0.0005 to 0.010%, N: 0.001 to 0.020%, Cr: 11 to 25%, Mo: 0.01 to 2.0%, one or both of Ti and Nb in 0.05 to 0.5%, and B: 0.0003 to 0.0030% and ~~comprising~~ a balance of being Fe and unavoidable impurities, having an elongation of 30% or more ~~the welded pipe plate~~ in the direction becoming the circumferential direction, ~~of 30% or more~~ and having an average Lankford value (r value) of 1.5 or more.

4 (previously presented): A method of production of a welded pipe as set forth in claim 1, characterized by sizing of 0.5 to 2.0% in circumferential length after forming and welding.

5 (original): A method of production of a welded pipe as set forth in claim 4, characterized by annealing at 700 to 850°C after forming, welding, and sizing.